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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP: 2643**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicant:** Baechler

**Serial No.:** 09/605,039

Art Unit: 2643

**Filed:** June 27, 2000

**Title:** DEVICE FOR ADAPTING AT LEAST ONE ACOUSTIC HEARING AID

**Examiner:** Suhan Ni/Stella Woo

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AMENDMENT "B" UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

(In response to Paper No. 10)

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated September 5, 2002. The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on December 5, 2002. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended for 2 months. A check in the amount of \$578.00 is enclosed to cover the \$410 extension of time fee and the \$168 additional independent claims fee. Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful examination of this application to this point, and desire to amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, Box AF, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date indicated below.

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